

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday October 12, 2021**

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

**Select Board members present:** George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

**Other Attendees:** Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Camilla Lockwood, Gail Cromwell, Bill McDonnel, Honey Hastings, Tim Fiske, Keith Charlton, Jessica Hipp, James Stein and Sandy Benotti.

Meeting called to order by Ezell at 6:30 PM.

**Chairman Comment:**

*Ezell noted he found out pricing on an air purifier for the town hall. He stated it would be about \$5000 with installation which is mostly due to the high ceilings. He also noted that the units were pretty ugly and did not believe there would be anything in the budget to pay for this expense.*

**Public Comment:**

*Kieley asked that "parking" and "code enforcement officer" be added to future agendas under old business.*

**Old Business:**

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** *No new update.*
- **Dark Sky Complaint Update:** *Ezell reported that the house has sold and they are hoping this will solve the problem. Next steps would be taking them to court.*
- **Land Use Committee:** *Fiske clarified that the committee still has work to do and therefore should not be dissolved. Ezell noted that there will need to be warrant article to dissolve the committee anyway. Fiske noted he is still waiting to hear from the surveyor on the Holt property and he is still working with the state on the land trade. Caisse noted we need the surveying to be completed before the town owned lots can be sold. Fiske will try and contact the surveyor. Fiske also asked the select board if they wanted to meet with him at the playground/ tennis courts so he can explain the situation there since there may be rescue act funds available to make improvements. Ezell noted there is going to be a NHMA forum on ways to spend rescue act funding which he will be attending. Robidoux is also attending and is finalizing a survey to residents to get their feedback and she noted she was still looking for grants to apply for.*
- *Ezell noted he has the sales agreement from legal on the town own property that is being sold. A closing date will be made soon.*
- *Jessica Hipp updated the audience on the broadband installation noting it has started and CCI is making progress. She added that any questions can be sent to her and she will work with the new CCI rollout person and also see why the website updates are not happening. Hipp noted they are still looking into grant*

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*funding and still waiting on guidance from the federal government. If they get the grant it would save customers about \$5 per month.*

- **Review Warrant article procedures:** Add to the next agenda

**New Business:**

- **Discuss implementing background checks:** *Caisse noted they are “all in” on the idea however they need to figure out who should get the checks and who should pay. Caisse noted that the Library, Recreation and Fire dept.’s are all involved with events that have children. Maybe they should do the background checks across the board? Make it a part of the application process? What would the frequency be for follow up checks? Caisse stated they should ask our insurance company and the municipal association for guidance. Hastings added that we should think about background checks for things like fraud and theft for those that handle money.*
- **Book Sale & COVID clinic:** *Hastings discussed the upcoming joint book sale with the historic district and Library trustees. Hastings also noted that there will be a COVID vaccination clinic during the event. Lockwood asked if they could use the town hall stage for the event until November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ezell moved to allow them to use the town hall and the stage for the events. Willard seconded, all were unanimous in favor.*
- **Appoint Gail Cromwell to the Holiday lighting committee:** *Cromwell stated she would be a good candidate for the committee. The Holiday committee also has recommended Hastings to be appointed. Willard moved to appoint Cromwell to the holiday lighting committee. Ezell seconded, Caisse voting nay, motion passed.*
- **Authorize letter to the Treasurer for CCI payment :** *After making an edit, the select board signed the letter.*
- **Building Permit – G. Ellis- Shed:** *The board reviewed and signed the application.*
- **Building Permit – R. Martin – Shed side roof:** *The board reviewed and signed the application.*
- **Occupancy Permit – Tyler-Wall:** *The board reviewed and signed the permit.*
- **Occupancy Permit: -Moore** *The board reviewed and signed the permit.*
- **Occupancy Permit: - Birchwood Inn** *The board reviewed and signed the permit.*
- **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021:** *Ezell moved to accept the select board meeting minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup> as amended. Caisse seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*
- **Other Business: - None**
- **Committee Updates:**

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**Police-** Caisse updated that 3 officers were sent to domestic training which will go towards required continuing education credits. He also noted that the preliminary budget was presented with no big changes. Caisse added that the police force is down 2 part-time officers and 1 full time officer noting it is difficult to get part-time officers since they now need to go through the same training as full time officers.

**At 7:33 Ezell motioned to go into non-public session. Willard seconded, all in favor.**

**At 7:40 Willard motioned to return to the public meeting. Caisse seconded, all in favor.**

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:42 PM. Motion by Ezell, second by Caisse, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Next Select Board Meeting:** Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the town Hall. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais

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